

REPORT OF THE
Chief Executive
PART I

302. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

1. This report concerns various matters relating to proportionality and appointments to committees and standing advisory panels, and to representation on outside bodies which require the approval of the County Council.

Proportionality

2. At its meeting on 16 July 2012 the Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee resolved that the membership of Regulatory Committee B be increased from 20 to 26. Regulatory Committee B is responsible for determining an appeal against any decision by, or on behalf of, the County Council including school transport appeals relating to the safety of walking routes, staff disciplinary appeals and pension appeals. The widening of the membership of Regulatory Committee B was considered prudent to assist the timely and efficient discharge of the Committee's important remit by having a larger pool of members available from which an Appeal Panel can be convened.

3. The increase in membership of Regulatory Committee B requires a review of the County Council's proportionality table. The increase of six seats on this Committee entitles the Conservative Group to an additional four seats and the Liberal Democrat Group to an additional two seats, with the position for the Community and Green Group and the Labour County Councillor remaining unchanged. A revised proportionality table is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The additional appointments are referred to below.

Appointments

4. The following appointments and alterations to membership of committees, standing advisory panels and outside bodies are proposed:

a) That an additional six Members be appointed to Regulatory Committee B as per paragraph 3. above. Nominations will be proposed at the meeting.

b) That Councillor Tonia Craig replace Councillor Ray Love as a co-opted Member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

c) That Councillor Simon Letts replace Councillor Jeremy Moulton as Southampton City Council's representative on the Pension Fund Panel

d) That Councillor Suzy Hamel replace Councillor Sue Ingram as Eastleigh Borough Council's representative on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee

e) That Captain Martin Phipps replace Captain Philip Holliday as

Associated British Ports representative on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee

f) That Councillor Robert Sanders replace Councillor John Cooper as Winchester City Council's deputy representative on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee

g) That Mrs Penny Clarke replace David Walker as the Teachers' Liaison Panel representative on the Education Advisory Panel

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the County Council:

- (i) agrees the revised Proportionality Table as set out in Appendix 1 to this report; and
- (ii) approves the appointments as set out in paragraph 4, a) to g) above.

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPORTIONALITY TABLE **APPENDIX 1**
20 SEPTEMBER 2012
(REVISED)

	Conservative (51)	Liberal Democrat (24)	Community & Green (2)	Labour (1)
Select Committees				
Policy and Resources (12)	8	4	0	0
Children and Young People (20)	13	6	1	0
Environment and Transportation (12)	8	3	1	0
Culture and Communities (13)	8	4	1	0
Safe and Healthy People (13)	8	4	0	1
Health Overview and Scrutiny (16)	10	5	1	0
Other Committees/Panels				
Regulatory Committee A (15)	10	5	0	0
Regulatory Committee B (26)	17	8	1	0
Employment in Hampshire County	6	3	0	0
Council Committee (9)				
Audit Committee (9)	6	2	0	1
Pension Fund Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
Advisory Committees/Panels				
Buildings Land & Procurement Panel (6)	4	2	0	0
Conduct Advisory Panel (10)	6	2	1	1
Education Advisory Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
Children and Families Adv Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
SACRE (5)	3	2	0	0
River Hamble				
River Hamble Harbour Board (3)	2	1	0	0
River Hamble Management Comm (10)	7	3	0	0
Number of seats 206	134	63	6	3
Other Proportionate Bodies (32 seats)				
New Forest National Park Authority (5)	3	2	0	0
Chichester Harbour Board (4)	3	1	0	0
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Auth (19)	12	6	0	1
Jnt Comm Police Authority Appts (4)	3	1	0	0
Total number of seats: 238 (206 + 32)	155	73	6	4
Mathematical entitlement	155.61 (-1)	73.23 (=)	6.10 (=)	3.05 (+1)
Mathematical entitlement: NB: Below .50 round down .50 and above round up				

NB: The Proportionality Table is to be approved by Council and thereafter nominations for any vacancies on committees, panels and other proportionate bodies can be proposed for approval by the Council.

ADDENDUM

In circumstances where the membership of the County Council includes Members who are not part of a political group the provision of Regulation 16 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 come into effect.

Regulation 16 amends Section 15 (3) of the Local Government and Housing Act (“the Act”) to provide that the County Council should

- i) establish what percentage of the total County Council membership is represented by the three political groups within the County Council
- ii) allocate the corresponding percentage of the total number of seats to Members of these groups.

The duty to allocate any unfilled seats is subject of the duty contained within Section 16 (2A) of the Act. In this case Section 16 (2A) of the Act requires that the seats that have not been allocated under Section 15 (3) should be filled by Members who are not Members of a political group.

The unallocated seats should therefore be allocated to Members of the County Council who are not Members of one of the political groups. The specific seats to be allowed to these Members is within the discretion of the County Council but the seats should be allocated between the unaffiliated Members.

The County Council's practice is that the Leader's of both political Groups allocate their seats and the unaffiliated Members are considered and allocated seats as part of that process.